



## **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jeff Brincat, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates (telephonic), Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, Travis Swoope, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Domenic Di Cera, Bob Lang, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

#### **BOARD ITEMS**

Commissioner Sronce moved to allow Commissioner Scates to participate in the meeting telephonically. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously by a roll call vote.

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. presented a report on their financial status and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Randy Olech, William "Duke" Johnston, William McKenna, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. The Board was advised that an agreement had been reached with the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association to extend their contract through October 4, 2015. The initial contract with the IHHA was to terminate on July 1, 2015.

#### **ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve Susan Stevens as Placing Judge at Maywood Park and Balmoral Park. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Fairmount Park for a disbursement in the amount of \$40,500 from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund, pursuant to Section 26.9 of the Act, for quarter horse races. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Whalen moved to approve Beatriz Bahena as Placing Judge at Fairmount Park. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Whalen moved to approve a request by Arlington International Racecourse to waive paragraph 47 of the 2015 Dates Order to permit the carding of fewer than eight races per live race card for all organization licensees. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 5 to 6. Commissioners Byrne, Lunt, Muriel, Scates, Schiewe, and Whalen voted against the motion. Tony Petrillo, Dan Peters, and Chris Polzin appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Michael Campbell, Glen Berman, and Chris Block appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Jeff Crabtree appeared on behalf of Teamsters Joint Council 25.

Commissioner Byrne moved to table a request by Arlington International Racecourse to initiate rulemaking to repeal Section 1413.130 and 1413.138 for the remainder of its 2015 race meet. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 7. Commissioners Brincat, Kalita, Mulder, Muriel, Scates, Sronce, and Swoope voted against the motion.

Commissioner Sronce moved to initiate emergency rulemaking to repeal Section 1413.130 and 1413.138, expiring on September 30, 2015. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 5. Commissioners Byrne, Lunt, Muriel, Schiewe, and Whalen voted against the motion. Tony Petrillo and Chris Polzin appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Michael Campbell, Glen Berman, and Chris Block appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

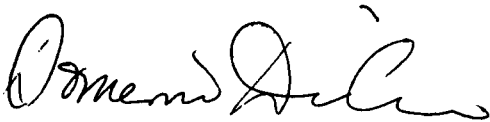
#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

At 3:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Domenic DiCera  
Executive Director